



Rose sale helps Airmen in need

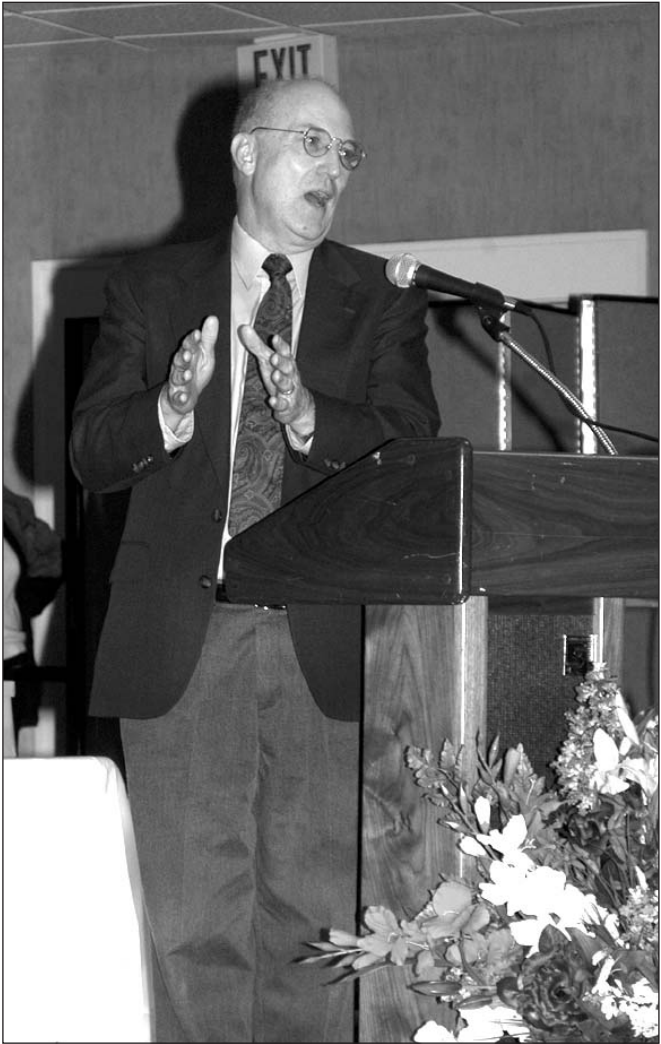
**Airman 1st Class
Cecilia Rodriguez**
14th Flying
Training Wing

The Columbus AFB First Sergeants Council and Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club are selling long-stemmed red roses starting Monday to benefit the "Help A Neighbor" fund. The First Sergeants Council "Help A Neighbor" project assists fellow BLAZE TEAM members who need finan-

cial assistance during emergency or hardship situations. "The fund is extremely important because it helps Airmen meet financial obligations and enables them to focus on the Air Force mission without worrying about money problems that could affect the quality of their work," said Senior Master Sgt. Marty Anderson, 14th Medical Group first sergeant. The high-quality roses are priced at \$25 for half a dozen and \$40 for a dozen. On-base delivery to work locations and housing, as well as off-base delivery to the Sherwood Forest and Oakdale Park subdivisions, is available at no extra charge. Volunteers from the COSC will deliver the flowers Feb.

12 through Feb. 14; delivery dates will be determined according to location. People can place orders by contacting a first sergeant, e-mailing rosesale05@yahoo.com or calling 434-9981. From Feb. 1 through Feb. 4, customers can also make purchases at stands located in front of the Robin Hood deli restaurant and the base bowling center. Both cash and check payment is accepted. "People are encouraged to place orders as soon as possible because a limited supply of roses is available," said Amanda Penrod, COSC president. "We're trying to gather support as a whole military community here at the Columbus AFB and join forces to help one another."

Faith, hope, love



Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, spoke about the importance of hope within the armed forces at the National Prayer Luncheon Jan. 14 at the Columbus Club.

Deployed troops receive discount phone rates through Valentine's Day

DALLAS — The military exchange pre-paid phone card rate reduction originally planned for the holidays through Jan. 5 has been extended through Valentine's Day for calls placed from deployed locations using 550-Unit and 200-Unit Military Exchange prepaid phone cards. Deployed military personnel using 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid phone cards from Army & Air Force Exchange Service phone centers throughout Iraq and Afghanistan have been connecting to friends and family back home at reduced rates since November 24th. "Because AAFES understands the necessity for affordable communications between the front lines and the home front, we aggressively pursue ways to reduce prices with AT&T to secure a reduced rate for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq," said AAFES' commander Maj. Gen. Kathy Frost. "Since we know phone calls home provide an instant morale boost we realize we must continue to negotiate the absolute lowest possible rates on behalf of troops in deployed locations." As a result of these negotiations, troops in Afghanistan and Iraq who use AAFES' 200-Unit Military Exchange Global prepaid phone

card through February 14th will also enjoy a holiday rate of only .225 cents per minute. The decreased rate for the 200-Unit card is also good news for anyone who would like to send a phone card to deployed troops. The reduced rate means that a \$14.99, 200-Unit Military Exchange prepaid phone card purchased through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program will provide 16 additional minutes of talk time for troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. "The reduced rate means that the 200-unit card will now provide more than an hour of calling time between Iraq or Afghanistan and the Continental United States while the 550-Unit card continues to provide more than three hours of time for phone calls home," General Frost said. The AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" program has helped Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers stay in touch with loved ones back home. These funds have been used to purchase and distribute 24,406 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards and 7,707 200-Unit cards. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative offers phone cards

that do not expire and do not add any additional charges or connection fees. Both 550- and 200-Unit Military Exchange Global prepaid phone cards can be sent to individual service members or "any service member" through the American Red Cross, USO, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation. AAFES' charitable partners have distributed 7,866 phone cards since the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program began in April 2004. Sixty-four AAFES call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have been critical in keeping deployed troops and their families in touch. The Military Exchange 550- and 200-Unit prepaid phone cards offer the best value for troops who enjoy calls home from any of AAFES' 47 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative allows any American to make a direct contribution to the morale of troops who find themselves far from home. For more information, individuals, organizations and businesses can log on to www.aafes.com and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link or call (800) 527-2345. (Courtesy of AAFES News Service)

Speaker's Bureau

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker's Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.

Local AFSA chapter expands

The local chapter of the Air Force Sergeant's Association, commonly referred to as the "Golden Triangle Chapter," is branching out in the local area with plans to start an auxiliary chapter. "The auxiliary chapter will give a larger base population the opportunity to belong to one of the most powerful Capitol Hill lobbying organizations in the nation," said Master Sgt. Kevin Hawks, former GTR Chapter president. Many Airmen may already be aware that AFSA is an international organization representing more than 127,000 active duty and retired Air Force members. Founded in 1961 by four Air Force NCOs, AFSA's principle focus has been improving the professional and quality-of-life concerns for all Air Force and reserve component enlisted members. What most people are not aware of is that spouses, parents, siblings and children (16 years and older) of active members of AFSA may be a part of this organization through its auxiliary chapter. Damona Hawks, Sergeant Hawk's wife, is taking the initiative to get the Auxiliary chapter started.

"Any dependent of an Airman who plans to retire from the Air Force should be a member of this organization," Ms. Hawks said. "The extremely low annual membership fee of \$16 is simply a fraction of the long-term benefits." Ms. Hawks, who recently became an auxiliary member herself, has already reaped some of the benefits AFSA has lobbied to congress about. "I just found out from Sergeants Magazine (the official publication of AFSA), that AFSA foiled a bid by the Department of Defense to cut costs by raising the co-pay of all prescription medications to \$20," she said. "That one action by AFSA saved my family \$11 each month on just one prescription for our son." She said that the more she spoke with auxiliary officers at the recent Division 610 Executive Council meeting, the more she realized how much influence AFSA has and how much it benefits the lives of Air Force

members long after they leave the service. The addition of an auxiliary to the local active chapter will have an immediate impact on the community and CAFB. "AFSA is a great organization that affects every aspect of active duty military, not just Air Force, members," Sergeant Hawks said. "We've boosted our regular membership in the past year, and now it's time to reach out and expand. Since our chapter is hosting the 8th Annual Division 610 Convention this spring, starting an auxiliary is the next logical step to making that event a success." About 150 delegates from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi AFSA chapters will visit Columbus, Miss., from April 21 through April 24. As the convention coordinator, Sergeant Hawks is excited about the expansion of support the auxiliary to his chapter can provide. "We invited the division to Columbus,



Scholarships for Military Children application deadline approaches

Adam Austin
DeCA News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — There's still time to submit an application to the Scholarships for Military Children program. The deadline for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 16 and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants. The application can be downloaded through a link on the front page of www.commissaries.com or downloaded directly from www.militaryscholar.org and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide. Defense Commissary Agency program liaison Edna Hoogewind stresses that students should put emphasis on writing the essay portion of the application.

"In past years the essay has been a key factor in deciding among the many outstanding applicants," Ms. Hoogewind said. This year's topic is "How has the heightened awareness of terrorism impacted your life?" Students who are not hand-delivering applications are advised to use a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. Applicants may visit www.militaryscholar.org and click on the "Verification of Receipt" section. Scholarship managers will respond to "Verification of Receipt" e-mails until June 15. Applicants should check all materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that it's the 2005 application, not one from previous years. The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active duty personnel, including Coast Guard, guard and

reserve, and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or be enrolled in a program of study designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Additional instructions can be found on the application or at www.militaryscholar.org. Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA is involved in the decision process.

Air Force entertainers



Airman 1st Class Brian Pop and Senior Airman Jamie Coffey, Tops in Blue vocalists, perform a song and dance. Tops In Blue presents "Musicology" at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at Mississippi University for Women's Whiffled Hall. Admission is free. A bus service from the community center and Columbus Club will be available at 6 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 3052.

Airman returns nearly \$5,000 to wallet owner

Senior Airman Raelynne Dennis
28th Bomb Wing

ELLSWORTH AFB, S.D. — Airmen here continue to be good neighbors including one who recently returned a wallet he found in the snow.

Airman 1st Class Robert Humphus, of the 28th Civil Engineer Squadron's explosive ordnance disposal flight, was on his way to his first delivery for the local Meals on Wheels program when he spotted something on the road.

Just a few hours earlier, Bobby Sundby, a local realtor, was plowing snow on the same road when somehow his wallet fell out of his pocket.

"I was going on my first delivery and ran over something. I pulled over, and it was a (wallet) with cash and paper lying out everywhere," Airman Humphus said.

Airman Humphus discovered the wallet contained \$347 in cash and \$4,407 in checks as well as various other items.

"I gathered all the stuff out of the snow and threw it in my

truck," he said. "When the deliveries were done, I went back to my shop. I found his number on one of his real estate cards and gave him a call."

"I was panicked when I found out I lost it," Mr. Sundby said. "My wife was out re-tracing my steps looking for it. Today was deposit day for my realty checks, so there was a lot of money in that wallet."

When Airman Humphus returned to base, he contacted Mr. Sundby so he could return his wallet to him.

"I commend him," Mr. Sundby said. "Not everyone would've returned the wallet. He called my wife and set up a time and place to meet."

Mr. Sundby met Airman Humphus at the base visitor's center where he thanked the Airman and commended his character. Mr. Sundby also gave Airman Humphus a gift certificate to a local restaurant for his trouble.

"I always know I can trust Airmen from Ellsworth," Mr. Sundby said. "I am a landlord, and when Airmen come to me wanting to rent, I don't hesitate. I have a very high opinion of you guys."

Midair collision with T-37 aircraft kills civilian pilot

SHEPPARD AFB, Texas — A civilian pilot was killed after a midair collision of his crop-duster with an Air Force T-37 Tweet in southwestern Oklahoma near the town of Frederick on Jan. 18.

The two military pilots ejected safely. Base officials identified them as Capt. Christopher Otis, an instructor pilot, and 2nd Lt. Roderick James, a student pilot. Both Airmen are assigned to the 80th Flying Training Wing here.

Sheppard pilots use a training airfield in Frederick daily. Officials are investigating the cause of the collision. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Timberlane Nature Trail

Many people are unaware of the opportunity to walk, run, bike or horseback ride along Columbus AFB's Timberlane Nature Trail. Along the trail, various wetlands, trees and countless wildlife can be found. To reach the recreational area, follow Independence Ave. to the runway area. Signs found alongside the dirt road toward SAC Lake offer direction to the beginning of the trails. For more information about the nature trail, call Sarah Fafinski at Ext. 7958.

O'er the land of the free



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Master Sgt. Lucky Bush, 14th Mission Support Group first sergeant, sings the national anthem during a change of command ceremony at his deployed location. A mandatory briefing for military personnel going remote or being deployed is held at 9 a.m. daily at the family support center. For more information, call the center at Ext. 2790.

Guam tour extended one year

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — The assistant secretary of defense has approved a tour length change to Guam.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2006, accompanied tours will change from 24 to 36 months, and unaccompanied tours will go from 15 to 24 months, which makes the assignment a long tour versus a short tour.

Cadet dismissed from AF Academy

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — A general court-martial found a cadet here guilty of steroid-related violations Saturday and dismissed him from the Air Force.

Lt. Col. Kurt Schuman, military judge, found Cadet Jonathan Belkowitz guilty of making a false official statement and soliciting another to purchase and use steroids.

Cadet Belkowitz faced a maximum punishment of 50 years imprisonment, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dismissal from the Air Force.

Airmen who report to Guam before Dec. 31 will continue to receive short tour credit. Those

reporting on or after Jan. 1 will serve the long tour and subsequently receive long-tour credit. For more information, call the military personnel flight at Ext. 3537. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*

Cadet Belkowitz was found not guilty of four counts of wrongful use, importation, introduction and distribution, but he was found guilty of a lesser included offense of attempting these four violations.

The case will next be reviewed by the general court-martial convening authority, Lt. Gen. John Rosa Jr., academy superintendent. General Rosa may choose from three options: agree with the finding and sentence, reduce the sentence or set aside all or part of the findings. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)*

Positive attitude, teamwork equals mission success

Chief Master Sgt. Jeffery Bowes
14th Flying Training Wing



As an enlisted Airman, I started my learning process of Teamwork and Attitude "Air Force style."

Why are your bags sitting on the ground? I did not tell you to put your bags down! Pick them up right now! What are you looking at? Keep your eyes straight forward! From now on you will listen up and do exactly what you are told. Is your arm tired of holding that bag? Put them down! Pick them up! Put them down!

No matter what your entry path into the Air Force — officer or enlisted — we've all been exposed to the above in some form or fashion. To make it through, you did it as a team and with the right attitude. If one member of your squad didn't complete the task correctly or was breaking down, we all continued to do it until we got it right.

Have you ever heard the expression "I can't do it alone, it's too big a task?" That's right — it is. And you were never meant to do it alone.

Being part of a team means you're never alone, even when you're by yourself. Are there too many stressors in your life lately?

Relationships, finances, your spouse is deployed and the refrigerator stopped working? Had a few drinks, need to get home and no one seems to be around?

These situations and many others can be viewed as very big tasks; and like I said before, you were never meant to go through it alone. After you've caused harm to yourself or others is a terrible time to find out how many people from your BLAZE TEAM were standing by willing to help.

A positive attitude is generated from the simple belief in what one is doing. Knowing that your task is worthwhile and has purpose generates energy, eventually driving you to work toward solving problems or overcoming obstacles, exhibiting that never-give-up attitude.

This behavior is normally infectious. It spreads throughout the unit and affects everyone who comes in contact with you. This energy provides a climate for motivation. Positive attitudes seem to help leaders get things done. On a similar note, a poor attitude can travel through a unit, group or wing like a tornado.

We have 7,000 Airmen rotating in and out of Iraq every three to four months,

doing some missions that have traditionally belonged to other services. The Global War On Terror has called our Airmen to action in many different and sometimes non-traditional capacities. I can promise that you can't survive out there as a lone wolf or with a bad attitude.

This is the time of year that we're all working on or reviewing awards packages for some of our best and brightest. We're also rapidly approaching the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Having been involved in both the awards and Inspector General processes for as long as I have, I can promise you that teamwork and attitude are driving factors in competing well for both.

The personnel selected to represent us as our awards winners will be the first to tell you they are honored to represent such an incredible organization and they are not being recognized for their personal accomplishments alone.

I have been honored to hand out some of my Chief's coins for exemplary team work;

I've handed out others for a fantastic attitude and customer service with a smile. All of these accomplishments are equally important.

"If you come to my office to visit on any subject or I'm in your work center, I will do my best to greet you with a handshake and a smile because I respect what you're doing and am honored to be a part of this team."

People who are not team players may sample success from time to time, but will never be truly successful. People who are cheerful and pleasant in their work pass their positive attitude to others. Make your job enjoyable ... know that what you're doing is important.

If you come to my office to visit on any subject or I'm in your work center, I will do

my best to greet you with a handshake and a smile because I respect what you're doing and am honored to be a part of this team. You are a fellow Airman; what you do and the way you do it is important to me and vital to the BLAZE TEAM.

Remember, from the newest Airman basic or second lieutenant to the secretary of the Air Force, we're all Airmen and we need each other to be successful. I challenge you to work hard and play hard while keeping a smile on your face.

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Honor Guard

The base honor guard is a group of sharp individuals who perform funeral services for active-duty people, veterans and retirees who have passed. This elite group of enlisted and officers also perform details for memorial ceremonies and other official functions.

The Columbus AFB Honor Guard is looking for anyone interested in honoring and giving back to those who have so unselfishly given to them. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Lee Strunk at Ext. 2310 or contact an honor guard member.

America at its best!

Col. Michael R. Boera
374 Air Expeditionary Wing

UTAPAO, Thailand — At various times throughout my 23 years in the U.S. Air Force, I have taken the opportunity to write articles for my hometown newspaper in Vermont for my family and friends to read and for home base newspapers where I've been assigned.

Today, I write you from Royal Thai Naval Air Station Utapao here where I am deployed in support of Operation Unified Assistance, the humanitarian relief mission in support of the tsunami victims in Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

I have made a livelihood of flying F-16 Fighting Falcon combat aircraft and am currently assigned as the 35th Operations Group commander at Misawa Air Base, Japan. A couple of weeks ago, I was preparing to fly a local combat training mission when I received a call from my boss. I was basically told to get some shots and pack my bags because I was being sent to Thailand to help stand up the 374 Air Expeditionary Wing. About 24 hours later, I was landing at Utapao airfield.

The mission of the wing is to provide support to the intra-theater airlift units, mostly flying C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters, sprinkled around workable airfields in the affected countries. We are the Air Force piece of

Combined Support Force 536, commanded by a U.S. Marine lieutenant general. I have never been involved in a humanitarian relief effort and now I am involved in one rivaling that of any relief effort — ever!

It has been my honor to serve in such an operation. As much as I miss being away from my family and flying the F-16, it gives me great satisfaction to be involved in a relief and recovery operation versus the typical combat operation I am so familiar with, and which usually involves some sort of destruction. This is America at its best!

It is also the America that doesn't make the headlines very often, or the lead story on our top TV news stations' telecasts. In fact, this relief operation is probably not the lead story in the United States any longer.

Please keep in mind, the mission continues... Obviously, I am involved with the U.S. military aspect of the mission. We are but one piece of the puzzle to bring much-needed disaster relief to the victims, but a significant piece at this stage of the effort.

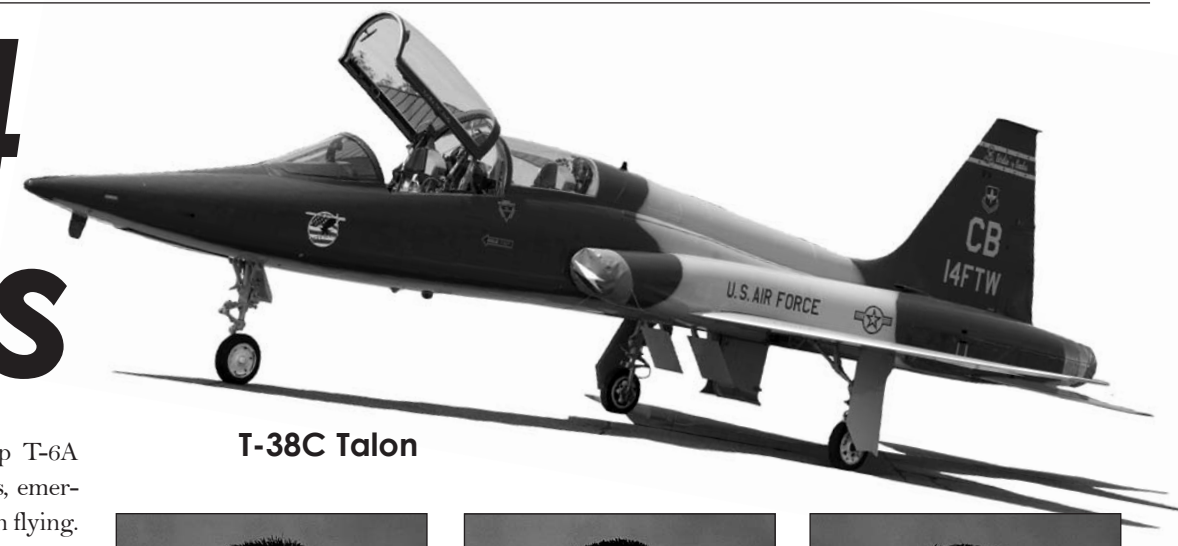
Gradually, we will let civilian governmental and non-governmental organizations take over the bulk of the effort and most of us will return to our home stations. When I do, I hope to pick up where I left off; say "hello" to the family and get back in the cockpit of an F-16 to once again train for combat operations.

Until then, I am proud to be a part of this relief mission. It is America at its best!



T-1A Jayhawk

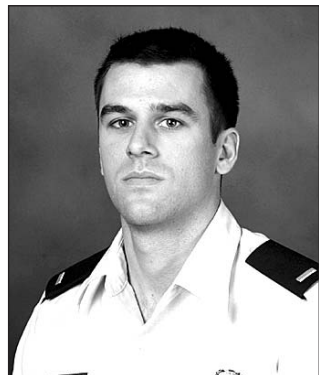
SUPT Class 05-04 earns silver wings



T-38C Talon



Capt. Robert Lankford
Statesville, N.C.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Justin Ballinger
Midlothian, Va.
C-5, Dover AFB, Del.



2nd Lt. Bailyn Beck
Tampa, Fla.
T-6, Moody AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Jocelyn Dooley
Bismarck, N. D.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Katherine Eckert
Fairfax, Va.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



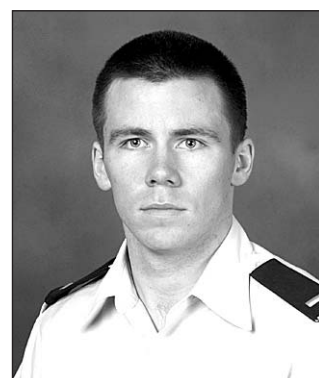
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Chandler, Ariz.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Michael Glass
Maysville, Ky.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Daniel Hildebrandt
Medford, Ore. (AFRC)
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2nd Lt. Michael Holl
Alpharetta, Ga.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



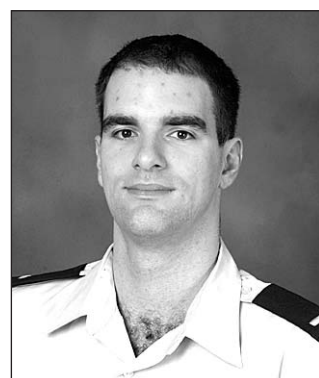
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KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Christopher Milavickas
Huron, Ohio
C-21, Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. Marta Loffhouse
Stillman Valley, Ill.
KC-135, Kadena AB, Japan



2nd Lt. Christopher Silko
Milford, Pa. (AFRC)
C-130J, Keesler AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Jared Tanner
Faulkton, S.D.
C-21, Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Vanderhal
Los Angeles, Calif.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Twenty-one officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-04 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Col. James Kowalski, deputy director for Headquarters Air Force Operational Plans and Joint Matters for Contingency Operations. Colonel Kowalski is responsible for directing the capabilities review and risk assessment process and is the Air Force lead for conducting capabilities based planning.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Daniel Hildebrandt, T-1, and Michael Holl, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Wendy Emminger, T-1A, and 2nd Lt. Jeremy Vanderhal, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Jocelyn Dooley, T-1, and Lieutenants Hildebrandt and Holl were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic

T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying.

Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground

events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Eutaw Construction and Aberdeen Ford.)*



Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

MCEC art contest

The Military Child Education Coalition sponsors a 2005 Artwork Contest for children in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grades. The contest includes artwork, poems, poetry and essays based on the theme, "Making Connections for Children." Winning entries will be used in the April 2005 issue of On the Move Magazine. Selected entries may also be used in the MCEC 2006 calendar.

The MCEC Web site www.MilitaryChild.org provides examples of the 2004 entry winners and how their submissions were used. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 4. For entry guidelines and a parent permission form, contact the family support center.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Relaxation class

The fourth of six consecutive classes on how to practice progressive relaxation begins at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. The fifth class will be at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors begins at 9 a.m.

Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Resumes

A workshop about different types of resumes and how to write one effectively is from 9 to 10 a.m. Feb. 2.

Money and marriage

A financial workshop for couples who are married or considering marriage is at 4 p.m. Feb. 3.

AFAS grant program

The Air Force Aid Society's General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to eligible military dependents. For more information about the program or an application, call Ext. 2855 or visit the Air Force Aid Society Web site at www.afas.org.

Free childcare

The Childcare for PCS program offers up to 20 hours of free childcare per child for active-duty Air Force people arriving at or departing from Columbus AFB. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival. For more information, call Sharon Nichols at Ext. 2790.

Free oil change

The Air Force Aid Society's "Car Care Because We Care" program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airman's Center and spouses of active-duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

Relocation assistance

Those relocating or making a perma-

nent change of station can stop by the family support center for information about new bases, checklists to make moving easier and suggestions for traveling with children.

Base notes

COSC social

The spouses of the 14th Operations Support Squadron and 43rd Flying Training Squadron sponsor a Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club fashion show social at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$10 per person and club members receive a \$2 discount. The menu is stuffed chicken breast. New members are welcome. For reservations, call Cammy Cheater by noon Feb. 3 at 434-8915.

SAT testing

The education center will administer the Scholastic Aptitude Test at 8 a.m. Feb. 3 for active-duty military members who need to complete the exam for educational reasons or to apply for a service-related program such as a commissioning program.

There is a limited number of exams and personnel will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis after verifying the need to take the exam. To sign up, call Ext. 2563.

COSC scholarships

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and continuing education students. Applicants must be dependents of either active-duty, retired, missing in action, active-duty reservist or deceased military members associated with Columbus AFB.

Applications are available at the education center, family support center or local high school guidance offices, and the deadline is Jan. 31. For more information, call Marla Fisher at 434-5527.

Chapel Schedule

Cancellation

The 9:15 a.m. Catholic Mass and CCD is cancelled due to a special event. Columbus AFB Catholic parishoners are invited help Annunciation Catholic Church welcome its new pastor during the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in downtown Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus will also sponsor a pancake breakfast from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 2500.

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass cancelled
10:45 a.m. — CCD cancelled
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Sunday school at Bldg. 1052
10:30 a.m. — Contemporary worship service at the community center
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
Tuesday:
10:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
Noon — Lunch and Bible study
Wednesday:
5 p.m. — Bible study potluck
6 p.m. — Bible study, Pioneer Clubs, teen ministries

For information about Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the base chapel at Ext. 2500.

Membership night promises taste of Mardi Gras

Pam Wickham

Marketing specialist

Masks, music, food, fun, beads and door prizes mark the occasion of Columbus Club membership night Jan. 28.

The doors open at 7 p.m. for club members and their families; and people who are not yet club members can sign up Jan. 28 and receive \$25 in club coupons.

The Mardi Gras menu includes Cajun bayou shrimp, Fat Tuesday crawfish with new potatoes, New Orleans gumbo, Creole red beans and rice, Bourbon Street shrimp jambalaya, ole south potato salad, rolls, assorted desserts, iced tea and coffee. The children's menu features chicken doubloons, Mardi Gras macaroni and cheese, French Quarter fries and jazzy jell-o.

"Bone up on your Mardi Gras trivia, wear a Mardi Gras costume or entertain everyone with your karaoke talents to take home some Mardi Gras beads," said Brenda Freeman, club manager.

Approximately \$1,000 in door prizes will be given away, but participants must be present to win.

Other upcoming special events at the club include a Mongolian barbecue Feb. 3, a Super Bowl party with more than \$1,400 in prizes Feb. 6, and a birthday bash family fun night Feb. 23.

Starting Feb. 1, the club will revamp its lunch buffets with no less than a dozen items on the buffets each day. Tuesday's Mexican buffet showcases beef fajitas, a taco bar and enchiladas; Wednesday's buffet is country-style food and features fried chicken, barbecue pork ribs and smoked brisket; Thursday features Italian food such as baked cannelloni, sweet Italian sauce with peppers, lasagna, spaghetti with meat sauce, chicken parmesan, tortellini and meatballs; Friday's tri-continental buffet offers cuisine from Germany, Asia and New England.

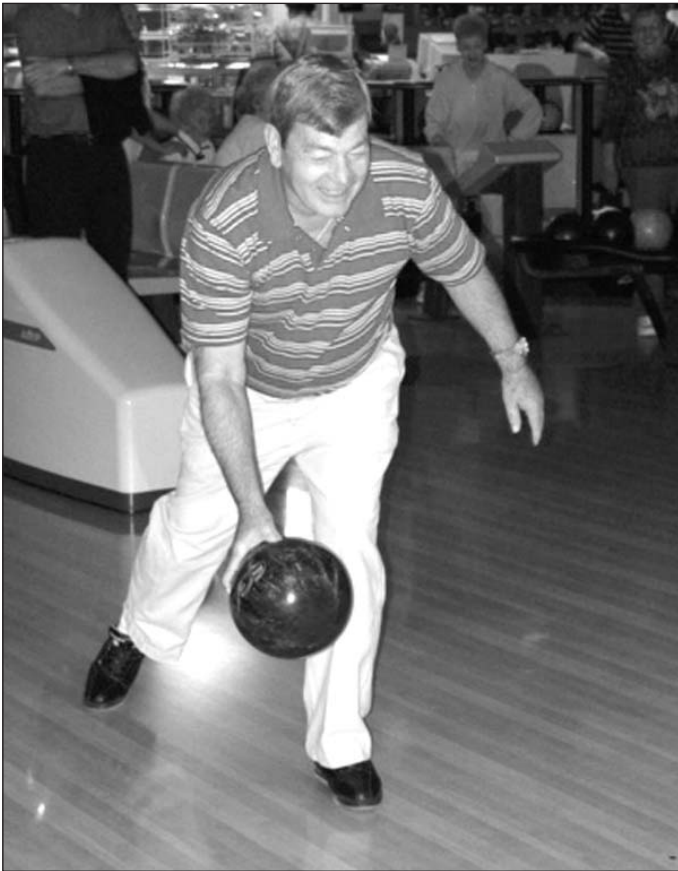
Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$8.95 for non-members. For more information about club events, call Ext. 2490.



Pam Wickham
Pam Peoples, Columbus Club waitress, serves 1st Lt. Lauren McGrath, 14th Mission Support Group, at the club's two-for-one night Jan. 13.

14th Services Division offers fun, food, adventure

Striking it lucky



Pam Wickham
Jerry Copeland, retired military and civil service member, looks for a strike at the bowling center Wednesday. The Mixed Seniors Bowling League meets Wednesday mornings at Strike Zone Lanes. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

Craft classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult craft classes. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Youth classes are at 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The next interior decorating class will make a storage ottoman at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Cost for this class is \$26 plus fabric. A display of upcoming classes is available at the skills development center. Call Ext. 7836.

Casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip today. Cost is \$25 for club members, \$28 for nonmembers and includes transportation, \$15 in coins and a free buffet. Call Ext. 7861.

Teen dance: The youth center offers a teen dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Entry is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers or visitors. There will be a disc jockey, dance contest and beverages. Call Ext. 2504.

Trip to Mardi Gras: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Mardi Gras Jan. 28 to Jan. 30 in New Orleans, La. Cost is \$175 per person, and includes transportation and two nights lodging (double occupancy) at the Holiday Inn. A deposit of \$50 is required when registering. Call Ext. 7861.

Professional basketball games: The information, ticket and travel office has tickets available for the Feb. 25, April 3 and April 8 Memphis Grizzlies basketball games. Cost is \$60 per ticket. Call Ext. 7861.

Worldwide talent contest: Active-duty military are eligible to participate in this contest March 6 through March 14 at Lackland AFB, Texas. Applications are due by Feb. 4. Entry information is available at www.topsinblue.com. Call Ext. 2504.

Tops in Blue: Air Force performers Tops in Blue present "Musicology" at 7 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Mississippi University for Women's Whitfield Hall. Admission is free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bus service is available at 6 p.m. at the community center and the Columbus Club. Call Ext. 3052.

Super Bowl party: The Columbus Club offers more than \$1,400 in prizes at its Super Bowl party Feb. 6 at the community center. Prizes include cash vouchers for NFL merchandise, an X-Box system, T-shirts, personal coolers, hats and more. The program is open to all ranks. Call Ext. 2490.

Rock 'n' bowl: The bowling center offers a Saturday night rock 'n' bowl family bowling package. Participants can rent one lane for up to six people for \$10 per hour. Shoe rental is included. The event features top '40s dance music, a cosmic light show and bumper bowling for the children. Call Ext. 2426.

Massage therapy: Massage therapy is available at the health and wellness center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$60 for a full body massage, \$30 for a half body, \$25 for a 15-minute table massage and \$15 for a 15-minute chair massage. For an appointment, call Ext. 2772.

Movies

Today
"Closer"

(R, graphic sexual dialogue, nudity/sexuality and language, 104 min.)

Starring: Julia Roberts and Jude Law.

Saturday
"Flight of the Phoenix"

(PG-13, language, action and violence, 113 min.)

Starring: Dennis Quaid and Tyrese Gibson.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafbgrapevine.com.

Computer classes: The Bryan Public Library in West Point, Miss., conducts free computer classes throughout January.

People may sign up for internet/e-mail, beginning and immediate Microsoft Word, beginning Microsoft Excel and beginning computer classes. To sign up or for more information, call (662) 494-4872.

Community chorus: Rehearsals for the Starkville-Columbus Community Chorus spring concert are at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the Choral Building on the Mississippi State University campus.
The spring concert is scheduled for 5 p.m. March 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Starkville, Miss.
The repertoire for the concert will be announced at Monday’s rehearsal. For more information, call Dr. Linda Karen Smith at (662) 325-2870.

Cake decorating: The Columbus-Lowndes Recreation Authority sponsors cake decorating classes from

6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 1 at Propst Park. Cost is \$45. To sign up or for more information, call 327-4935.

Horsepark training day: People are invited to use the outdoor arena and harness track of the Mississippi Horse Park in Starkville, Miss., for Sunday Training Day Tuesday.
Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the park at 325-9350.

Piano lessons: A one-night piano course is from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday at the Mississippi University for Women campus. To register, call 329-7137.

Driver safety course: The Trininty Place Retirement Community sponsors an American Association of Retired People driver safety course from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 327-6717.

Symphony orchestra: The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra performs at 7 p.m. Jan. 29 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets or more information, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

KYOC performance: The Kyiv Youth Orchestra and Chorus performs at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 at Mississippi University for Women’s Rent Auditorium. The 67 member group will conduct a free, two-hour concert of sacred, classical, folk and jazz music. For more information, call Denise Sandifer at 356-9205.

Exchange student sponsors: The Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc. seeks families in the Golden Triangle Area to sponsor high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐ Other _____
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil. _____

Renter’s Insurance

While the Air Force may reimburse people for some losses in government quarters, it does not provide the coverage provided by a regular insurance policy. Renter’s insurance can cover losses sustained from natural disasters, property theft and more. This may prove especially important for deploying airmen leaving their household goods behind. For more information, contact a first sergeant or an insurance agency on how to protect homes and personal property.

Staying ahead of the game



Tech. Sgt. Al Condino

Capt. Shayne Keifer of McGuire AFB, N.J., and 1st Lt. Britton Miller of Vandenberg AFB, Calif., showcase a strong offense against the Nashville Metros Jan. 15 at Ezell Park in Nashville, Tenn. The charity match raised almost \$3,000 for armed forces families who have lost loved ones in Afghanistan and Iraq.

AF hockey team sweeps Army

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Air Force Academy hockey team swept a two-game series with the Army, defeating them 5-2 on Jan. 14 and 2-1 on Jan. 15. The Falcons now have won three straight over the Black Knights, dating back to a 3-0 win last season at West Point, N.Y. Air Force improved to 11-9-2 overall while Army fell to 3-12-2.

In the first match, Air Force took the play to Army in the first period and continued its pressure the entire game. The Falcons out-shot the Army skaters, 46-15, in the game. They were 2-for-6 on the power play while Army was 0-for-4. Falcon netminder Peter Foster made 13 saves and came within seven minutes of a shutout. Goalie Treye Kettwick made 41 saves for the Black Knights. Dating back to last season, Foster has shutout Army for 144 consecutive minutes. Foster shutout Army last season, 3-0, in the final game of the series at West Point.

In the second match, Matt Charbonneau scored the game-winner with 1:13 remaining in the third period to lift Air Force to a 2-1 win over Army. This low-scoring, hard-checking game was much more typical of an Air Force-Army match than was the first match in the series.

Super Bowl broadcast under way for deployed troops

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Are you ready for some football? Troops deployed in combat zones will see the Super Bowl live on the American Forces Network on Feb. 6.

In fact, one of the questions Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld got during a news conference in Kuwait was whether troops would see the Super Bowl.

“American Forces Network is pleased to broadcast the Super Bowl live to everyone in the world on the AFN Prime Service ... and on our AFN Sports Service,” said Larry Sichter, affiliate relations chief.

This means troops who do not receive the prime channels will be able to receive the game without having to retune receivers, Mr. Sichter said.

“This year, primarily because of the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, we’re going to be broadcasting the game and pre-game (show) on AFN Sports,” he said.

Football junkies will get 13 and a half hours of Fox network Super Bowl programming. And for those who still have not gotten enough or were on duty, AFN will rebroadcast the game the next day.

The broadcast will not include the commercials — an aspect of the game that

Each team scored a power-play goal as Army was 1-for-4 and Air Force was 1-for-7. Air Force outshot Army, 23-16, in the game. Army was called for 11 penalties for 33 minutes while Air Force was called for eight for 27 minutes. Most of the penalties came after the final whistle sounded as several scuffles broke out on the ice. Army goalie Brad Roberts made 21 saves for the Black Knights while netminder Peter Foster made just 15 for the Falcons.

Air Force is on the road and back in College Hockey America play as the Falcons travel to Lewiston, N.Y. for a two-game series against Niagara University today and Saturday. *(Courtesy of Air Force Print News Service)*

many people actually enjoy. The affiliates will insert public service announcements and some of the 33 affiliates will broadcast messages to the troops.

Servicemembers who do not want to watch football also are covered. In the past year, AFN has launched two new services — AFN-Family and AFN-Movies — that will not carry the game.

Coverage in the U.S. Central Command region is almost universal. American Forces Radio and Television Service officials said there are a total of 7,978 decoders in the area. This includes 4,821 in Iraq, 1,062 in Central Asia and about 50 in Djibouti.



CAFB celebrates day ‘on,’ not ‘off’

BLAZE TEAM members remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy



Left: Lt. Col Stanley Spillers, 14th Flying Training Wing chief of plans, gave a solo flute performance of “How Great Thou Art” during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service at the base chapel Jan. 14.

Top: Senior Master Sgt. Lonnie Slater, 14th Operations Group first sergeant and Missionary Union Baptist Church minister, was the guest speaker at the memorial service. Right: The 14th Flying Training Wing BLAZE Choir sung, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” at the celebration, sponsored by the 14th FTW Special Observance Program and Multicultural Committee.

